

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachment(s): VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

17. (Amended) A processing apparatus for fluid as defined in [one of claims 14 and 15] claim 14, characterized in that at least one of said first and second processing members (101), (102) is provided with a floating mechanism, which enables both processing members (101), (102) to access to or separate from each other, while an eccentric behavior of at least one of both processing members (101), (102) arising from the rotary motion may be absorbed by the other.

19. (Amended) A deaerator with atomizing apparatus for removing bubbles from the atomized substance, characterized in that it employs the processing apparatus for fluid as defined in [any one of claims 1, 12, 14, 15, and 18] claim 1, as an atomizing apparatus.